



# Foggy Bottom News

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## FBA MEETING Monday, October 29

8 p.m.  
St. Paul's Parish House  
2430 K St., NW

Marie Nahikian

## Housing Activist to Speak at October Meeting

by John Landgraf

The Alamac, the Swarthmore, the Bonwit, the Lombardy and so on and so on, like the Texans with their Alamo and some very old folks with their Maine, the people of Foggy Bottom have their recent crises to remember, and a continuing difficulties to deal with.

The speaker at the October 29th meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association, in the Auditorium of the Parish House at St. Pauls, beginning at 8.00 p.m., is a veteran of many of the Foggy Bottom housing and rental battles and now is in a position to speak with some authority about what the City Government is trying to do to help. She is Marie Nahikian, now Assistant to Robert Moore, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development of the District of Columbia.

FBA members will remember her as a recent candidate for the City Council and some will know that for the last ten years she has been an activist specialist in Washington's housing and rental problems, putting into action the successful Adams-Morgan Organization early in this decade, serving in that neighborhood as ANC Commissioner from her house on Mintwood Place, and winding up as a two-term member of the City's Rent Commission.

A writer and a journalist, originally from Ashville, North Carolina, and the University at Chapel Hill, she has served as Washington Correspondent for *Harper's Magazine* and for several years was Executive Director of the Washington Chapter of Common Cause. Now, in her new appointment, she is still an activist, but intimately aware of the complexities and problems of change

and growth in such a neighborhood as we have in Foggy Bottom.

She comes to the Foggy Bottom Association as a part of the new City administration's attempt to communicate more directly with its concerned citizens, through a special speaker's bureau in the Mayor's Office, under Mrs. Lillian Sedgewick, who asks what is an important civic problem in the community, and without hemming or hawing comes forth with a meaningful speaker to attack the problem. Come prepared with your questions; it should be a good meeting.



Those soft lights which line most of the residential streets of Foggy Bottom may soon be no longer.

Under a new cost-cutting plan proposed by the D.C. Department of Transportation, the incandescent street lights in Foggy Bottom and several other neighborhoods will be replaced by brighter, more energy-efficient mercury lights.

The Foggy Bottom Association's September 24 meeting was called to order by the President, Al Cottrell, at 8.00 p.m.

**Police Report:** Master Patrolman D.E. Larman, of the 2nd District Headquarters of the D.C. Police Department, reported to the Association members that there was an increase in crime in the Foggy Bottom area in recent months. The crimes were mostly confined to rape and auto thefts.

Patrolman Larman said that there had been three rapes in Foggy Bottom recently. All three assaults had taken place in daylight, in the homes of the victims, who had responded to knocks on the doors of their homes.

In all three cases the victims also misidentified the assailant as — individuals responding to calls the residents had made for service, i.e., telephone repairman, cleaning personnel in the apartment building. Sketches of two suspects in the rapes were circulated for possible identification by those present at the meeting but without success.

The officer reminded the residents never to open their doors unless they know who is seeking entrance. If uncertain, he suggested identification should be requested before opening the door, even though the resident may be expecting a repairman.

Of the second increasing category of crime in the area, auto thefts, the officer said these thefts could be avoided. He cautioned the residents not to leave anything

of value in their cars — clothes, luggage — nothing in the glove compartment either. This way it would not be necessary to lock the car and risk damage by someone trying to break in.

**Awards Banquet:** Al Cottrell announced that the Federation of Civic Associations' Annual Awards Banquet would be held at the Sheraton Park Hotel October 20, tickets at \$17.00 per person and everyone was invited to attend. He said Ann Loikow, who recently resigned her position as

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an ANC2A Commissioner, had been nominated for a "Grass Roots" award and that the Foggy Bottom News was also recommended for a Washington Post Award.

**GWU Eye Street Mall:** The Foggy Bottom Association was advised by George Washington University that it has let a contract to construct and landscape the mall, President Cottrell reported. However, there were no details as to when the work now in progress would be completed.

**Neighborhood Liquor Licenses:** The status of the River Inn's application for a liquor license was again brought up for discussion. The River Inn, located at 924-25th Street, N.W., has tentatively been granted a license, but the decision was being reviewed and the residents were encouraged to attend the hearing to express their views on the subject.

The members attending the meeting discussed the pros and cons of the River Inn license. Many members appeared to believe that, if the River Inn were denied a liquor license, it would be a deterrent to owners of other buildings in the neighborhood who were considering a conversion to commercial status. One member pointed out that the Guest Quarters have been profiting for several years without liquor licenses. Cottrell offered to write to the Mayor of Washington to present the Foggy Bottom resident's point of view on the subject.

**War on Litter:** A copy of a letter order dated September 5, 1979, and signed by Mayor Barry, appointing Mary E. Healy, distinguished FBA Executive Board Member, to the D.C. Citizens' Advisory Committee to reduce litter was read by Al Cottrell. Mary, long active in a more-or-less single-handed endeavor to clean up and beautify Foggy Bottom, was applauded and congratulated by the members. She modestly acknowledged the applause and asked for cooperation from all present in her new official war on litter.

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## BRIGHTER STREET LIGHTS PLANNED FOR FOGGY BOTTOM

by Jonathan H. Nowick

Funds for the conversion in Foggy Bottom have already been allocated, but the Department of Transportation wants to hear neighborhood opinion before it makes a final decision.

While the street lighting plan calls for no changes in the light poles themselves, the new lights shining from them may alter the look of our neighborhood. Unlike the soft glow of incandescent lights, mercury lights give off a brighter whitish light similar to that of fluorescent lights. The mercury lights being considered will produce nearly three times as much light as many of the existing incandescent bulbs, but will be far less glaring than the yellowish sodium "crime lights" in place on some streets in our area.

The Department of Transportation favors mercury lights over incandescent because they will save the District tens of thousands of dollars a year in electricity costs.

Department officials assert that mercury lights are advantageous to neighborhoods because they do not burn out often — a chronic problem with incandescent lights. Mercury lights may also contribute to safety, particularly on those streets not now sufficiently illuminated.

The Department of Transportation has already pushed forward with its plans to convert incandescent lights to mercury in some other neighborhoods. Mercury lights were installed last year as a test on one block in Georgetown — on 31st Street, between K and M. The Georgetown ANC subsequently decided to let the District go ahead with its plans, and Georgetown-wide conversion should begin shortly.

Although the Georgetown test street is not far from us, the Foggy Bottom-West End ANC decided to request a test street in our own neighborhood so that the greatest possible number of residents could judge for themselves the desirability of mercury lights. At a meeting on September 4th, the ANC turned the decision on the location of the test street over to the floor, and the citizens attending voted for the 2400 block of Eye Street — a typical residential street in the heart of Foggy Bottom.

Since that ANC meeting, the Department of Transportation has agreed to set up this test street as soon as possible. The actual change will involve the replacement of three light bulbs on Eye Street, between New Hampshire and 25th. Department officials have promised that the trial lights will be reconverted if we don't like them.



## Letters

Dear Mary:

I want to tell you how wonderful it was of you to lend your many talents in making the Dedication Ceremonies (for St. Mary's Court) such a success. It goes to show that when people get together in a common task it is usually eventful — and it was. I appreciate your assistance and look forward to working more closely in the future. This project has taken all my spare time along with my personal time. God bless you.

Faithfully in Christ,

Father John E. Wilbur

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Mr. Richard Owens  
Assistant to the Chairman  
Kennedy Center

Dear Mr. Owens:

To follow up on a phone call I made this morning to the Kennedy Center, I wish to call your attention to the recent changes in public transportation to the Kennedy Center. The changes directly affect me and all of the other concert and theatre goers living in this F St. area who have depended on Metro buses (specifically Route 81) to get us safely to the Kennedy Center and home again.

The 81 bus was discontinued last week.

And Metro tells me that the 80 bus has been re-routed and no longer goes to the Kennedy Center. However, the H-6 bus, using the old 80 route via 19th St., C St., and 23rd St., still winds up at the Kennedy Center. But according to the new H-6 schedule, there is **no Sunday service**. So one either walks or takes a cab to a Sunday concert.

Not only that, but for those of us who are retired, the week-day service doesn't provide the safety of the old 81 line, which dropped us off practically in front of our apartments along F St. Now we must walk from either 23rd St. or 18th St. Doesn't sound like much, but these are long blocks and at 11 o'clock at night the walk can be scary.

Well, this about covers the problem. I'm sure that Metro isn't too concerned about inconveniencing what is to them a small percentage of their public, but you need the information to up-date your "Public Transportation" column in the *Kennedy Center News*.

Sincerely,

Pauline G. Pike

532 20th St., N.W. Apt. 509  
Washington, D.C. 20006  
October 1, 1979

cc: Mr. Al Cottrell  
Mr. Cody Pfanstiehl, Metro

# Foggy Bottom Bulletin Board

## Notes of Interest

### Meet the Mayor

Mayor Marion S. Barry, Jr. announced on October 3rd that he will hold a series of meetings with District citizens in October and November. Citizens will have an opportunity to express their concerns and ideas for improving city services to him.

Ten-minute meetings will be held with individuals and community groups from Wards 1 through 4 on November 29. Those from Ward 2 interested in meeting with the Mayor are asked to submit a written request by November 15 to:

Yvonne Zabriskie  
Executive Office of the Mayor  
Room 510  
The District Building  
Washington, D.C. 20004  
Phone: 727-6424

### Free Legal Advice for Small Businesses

The Small Business Clinic at George Washington University's National Law Center, the only one of its kind in the D.C. area, is offering free legal advice to Washington area residents who already own or want to start a small business or non-profit organization in the District. GW law students staff the clinic and are supervised by full-time law professor Russell Stevenson, who founded the clinic, and Perry Wallace, a lawyer and assistant

director of the university's division of experimental programs.

Hours: Weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone: 676-7463.

### Concert at National Presbyterian Church

A joint choral concert with the choirs of the National City Christian Church and the National Presbyterian Church will be given at the National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Avenue, N.W., on Sunday, November 4 at 4 p.m. Works to be performed include the Motet II (Create in Me, O God) by Brahms; and Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge, Festival Te Deum, and Benedicite by Vaughan Williams. The concert is free and ample parking is available.

### The Octagon Exhibit

The Octagon, 1799 New York Avenue, N.W., presents a new exhibit. On display will be plans and architectural models of proposed chanceries to be built at Washington's new International Center. The exhibit is sponsored by the American Institute of Architects Foundation and runs from October 30 through December 30, 1979.

Renderings of projects designed for Bahrain, Ghana, Israel, Kuwait, and Yemen will be on view, as will the original model for the International Center's site,

which was proposed in 1968 by landscape architect Edward Durrell Stone, Jr. Plans for the International Center were first initiated by the National Capital Planning Commission in 1967. The present development calls for 14 chanceries on a 14-acre parcel in northwest Washington.

Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### Wanderbirds Hiking Club

October 28—Sunday. Elk Ridge/Gapland to Maryland Heights, Md. Phone: 965-3954 or 750-1129.

November 2—Friday night. Halloween Moonlight Hike in the Four-Mile Run area of Arlington. Phone: 671-4249.

November 3 to 4—Saturday and Sunday. An overnight backpacking trip to Mosby Shelter, Linden, Va. Phone: 671-4249.

November 4—Sunday. Up the Laurel Run Trail from Liberty Furnace to the Crest of Great North Mountain, then south to Dellinger Gap. Phone: 331-9492 or 243-8919.

November 11—Sunday. To Signal Knob, Massanutten Mountains, Va. Phone: 522-4806.

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# Seen A r o u n d the Bottom

By Mary E. Healy

As I write this column it is snowing like crazy outside. There are conflicting statements being bandied about as to when it snowed before on October 9. Some say 100 years ago, some 40, and some 20. Doesn't matter; it is pretty and fun to have something unexpected happen. It sure did catch everyone by surprise — even the brave lone magnolia blossom sitting high atop one of the Potomac Plaza's trees. I so wanted to reach out my window and cover it up.

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Speaking of flowers, our friend, Paul Cullinan, almost had a stroke recently trying to chastise a girl from his second floor apartment window. She was gathering up all the marigolds (planted with TLC by the NPS) as if they were her personal property. She apparently didn't have much respect for Paul's age as I gather the motions she made in response were not guaranteed to win friends. I live over Paul and he almost didn't need a telephone to tell me about it. Taking one flower is one thing but gathering a bouquet is quite another. Thanks Paul, for trying; maybe she won't do it again.

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My compliments and thanks to the National Park Service and the D.C. Tree and Landscaping Division. I felt certain that sometime during his visit Pope John Paul II would come down Virginia Avenue from the Parkway. Wanting to put our best Foggy Bottom foot forward I asked both NPS and DC to give our parks on Virginia Avenue a good going over. With all they had to do in other parts of the City they made time to honor my request. They did a good job and while I was excitedly standing on the sidewalk waiting for John Paul to ride by I felt a great swelling of pride for our City — the Pope had to find it very beautiful.

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Last month when I told you about our St. Mary's Court Reception I forgot to tell you of the lovely pen and ink drawing of the Zoo Pandas which Jackie Cooper did and presented to the Court. It hangs in a very prominent spot in the Court and gives much pleasure to Court residents.

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Have any of you seen the girls exercise class of the Immaculate Conception Academy taking their run through the neighborhood? They are really serious; they don't just jog, they really run. John Landgraf and I were doing a bit of sidewalk superintending one day when they came down Eye Street and it was a good thing that John and I were light of foot or we would have been sucked into their jet stream. Keep it up girls; John and I wish we had the stamina to join you — the Lord knows we need the exercise.

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By the time you receive this paper the foliage in Constitution Gardens should be starting to change into Fall colors. No need to drive to Skyline Drive; just walk down to Constitution Avenue (between 17th and 23rd) and you will be in one of the nicest parks in the City. It should be beautiful by then. Don't be timid; take your lunch and your radio; sit on a bench and enjoy.

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Speaking of parks I was so proud of the teenagers who did such a terrific clean-up job on the Mall after the visit of Pope John Paul II. From what I understand the effort was planned and organized by the Catholic Archdiocese with the help of the local parishes. The National Park Service provided the plastic trash bags and hauling trucks and the approximately 2,000 youngsters provided the energy and the spirit. They saved the government a sizeable sum of money and presented an excellent example of good citizenship to all of us. It is amazing how much can be accomplished with the right effort and spirit.

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Something good for free. Dr. Milton Williams of Columbia Plaza Pharmacy tells me that you can have your blood pressure and pulse taken, for free, at his Pharmacy. They won't interpret the readings (that's up to your doctor), but they will take them and you can decide whether to see your doctor. Thank you Dr. Williams, your community effort is appreciated.

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Something new is happening in our FB area. We are starting to see more and more little children in their parents' arms, in baby carriages, running alongside their parents, in backpacks, and in bike baskets. It is a very welcome sight. I wonder how many of you saw a little red wagon with a child about 2 years old in it being pulled by a 3-year-old. It was so cute that I kicked myself for not having my camera with me. I still get a charge out of the school kids filing through our area on the way to the Kennedy Center — particularly the little ones.

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My thanks to the lady who reported a sign in the window of a house on H Street. The sign was lettered like so — "House of Whoopee — Backgammon and Massage Parlor." It apparently was a prank. By the time I called an ANC rep and he checked it out, it was gone. It could just as easily have been for real and I appreciate the alertness of the lady who called me. It takes all of us to stay on top of happenings in our area.

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I cheated a little bit on our local area restaurants and had dinner the other night at The Broker Restaurant at 713 8th St. Southeast. Don't cringe at the address. I was surprised at the upgrading of the neighborhood. I hadn't been in the area of the Marine Barracks and the Navy Yard for a couple of years — it is changing fast (for the better). The restaurant is very nicely appointed and the food and service were excellent.

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Peter Bogan of Peoples Life Insurance Co. (our neighbors on New Hampshire Avenue) told me that 76 years ago, right in the spot where their headquarters building is located, their founder sold his first policy. He also told me that, as a part of their public service program, Peoples recently sponsored a Beethoven Pop Musical Series for 200 youngsters in the Presidential Ballroom of the Capital Hilton Hotel. Nice going Peoples; you are good Foggybottomites.

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Something for adults. The D.C. Dept. of Recreation's Guy Mason Recreation Center is offering classes in arts, calligraphy, ceramics, china painting, copper enameling, fabrics, needlepoint, photography, pottery, quilting, sewing, weaving, bridge, chess, Spanish, aerobics, Hawaiian and Mid-Eastern Dancing, modern slimnastics, Yoga, Christmas ornament making, investment planning tax savings planning, etc. Price of classes range from \$4 to \$30. For further info call 282-2180 or 282-2189. You can register at 3600 Calvert St., NW from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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If you've been hearing things about burglaries, robberies, and rapes happening in our area, it is true. There have been some. We have been blessed over the years with very little serious crime. Parking violations, barking dogs, pocketbook snatchings have been our speed. Then suddenly when the real world crops up in our

neighborhood we really get shook. And rightly so.

Most of these happenings can be prevented if we think security of person and property. My caution, after listening to police explanations of some of the crimes, is to be careful, be alert, be suspicious. Always lock your doors (to your home and your car). If you don't have a deadbolt lock, get one. Don't answer your door for anyone you don't know; try to have someone with you when you are having strangers in your home to make repairs. Don't walk close to buildings; hold your purse in front of you; don't carry your door keys in your purse; go back to the old fashioned hidden pockets. I used to just love to empty the one my grandmother had in her big flaring skirt.

These cautions apply to apartment buildings as well as houses. We are our own worst enemies in apartment buildings; we are usually the ones who let strangers in the front door. Above all, if something does happen to you or your property remain alert and try to get a good description of the robber or intruder — the police need this kind of help from you.

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Do you like Barbershop Harmony? If so, right in our area, at the D.A.R. Constitution Hall on Saturday, November 3 at 8 p.m., will be held the 33rd Annual Harvest of Harmony. Radio and TV personality Ed Walker and the 1979 International Champion Barbershop Quartet will be the features. An evening with Barbershop is a fun thing to do — a very pleasant way to spend an evening. Tickets available at all Ticketron outlets (\$3, 4, 5 and \$6). Where else can you get an evening's entertainment so inexpensively?

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# ANC News from A to Z

**ALAIRE RIEFFEL** of the Board of Education will be guest speaker at the November 13 meeting.

**APARTMENT "HOTELS":** At least new ones are temporarily banned in residential zones. This ANC has proposed to the Zoning Commission over the last several years that apartment hotels are quite simply hotels, and thus commercial land uses. Now that several other areas in town are threatened with our problems (convoys of tour buses in the middle of residential streets for hours on end, herds of taxis, suspected coveys of quail on neighborhood street corners) the Zoning Commission is taking a closer look. An emergency order has made hotels of all sorts illegal in residential areas. This will expire within two months, and at that time a final change to the zoning text may be expected. The ANC is hoping that the emergency order is made permanent.

**FLASH:** The National Capital Planning Commission has just received an application to have the blocks between F and H, 19th and 20th designated a "central business district." As of this writing, the ANC has not had the opportunity to study the application. One of the two blocks is still within the George Washington University "master plan." This would be a major upzoning of the area, and would constitute a one-block shift of the business district in the direction of the residential portion of the neighborhood, along with the attendant commercial pressures. More later.

**LIGHTING:** The 2400 block of Eye Street has been recommended by the ANC as a test block for the District's new mercury vapor street light bulbs. The old stanchions are to remain, but a more attractive alternative to the orange sodium vapor bulbs will be tried. If you do like the change, or if you don't, please speak up. Once the lights are installed a consensus should develop. (See the article in this issue for more details.)

**PARKING:** The ANC Transportation Committee has convinced the District Department of Transportation to make the 700 and 800 blocks of 24th Street into all day parking on the east side of the street as well as the west.

**THEFT:** The ANC's typewriter and answering machine were stolen from the office, but will be replaced soon. If you have a problem, call your SMD representative at home.

**ZONING:** The ANC will decide which side to take on the International Monetary Fund's request for a "PUD" at the corner of 20th and H at its meeting on November 13. "PUD" is zoning jargon for "planned unit development." While it is theoretically a process for giving a complex development bonuses for creativity, in this ANC it usually means a zoning "bonus" for blatant banality. The new World Bank building, for example.



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8:00 P.M.

**DECEMBER 4—RED CROSS BUILDING**  
2025 E Street, N.W.  
8:00 P.M.

**JANUARY 8—ST. PAUL'S PARISH HOUSE**  
8:00 P.M.

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Jimmy is an accountant by profession and now works as a computer analyst for the Comptroller of the Currency, a position he successfully competed for through the Civil Service at age 69. He is an eager viewer of all professional sports events, puts a lot of time into maintaining his home and tracks and studies economic trends.

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## ANC Seats Up for Election

Elections for Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners (and members of the Board of Education) are November 6. The Advisory Neighborhood Commission is the citizen's tool for affecting decisions of the D.C. Government. ANC's must be notified by all entities of the D.C. Government, including the Mayor and City Council, of any Government actions or changes in policy that will affect their residents. For example, the Foggy Bottom-West End ANC 2A has been very concerned with such issues as area planning, zoning, commercial development, housing, transportation, and liquor licenses. The stance the ANC takes on issues must be "given great weight" by Government entities, and ANC's may also take the initiative in proposing action by the District.

We in Foggy Bottom and West End comprise ANC 2A. The "2" indicates Ward 2, the "A" indicates the first ANC within the Ward. To complicate matters further for voters, each ANC is subdivided into what are called Single Member Districts (SMDs), each with approximately 2,000 residents. There are actually seven SMDs in our area, but the seventh includes Federal buildings and portions of the Mall rather than residents.

I have interviewed candidates for all six SMDs. Only in SMD 01 is more than one person running. All other candidates are unopposed, but all were interviewed so you could become acquainted with the people who are our most direct link to the D.C. Government. Vote to show your support for this non-partisan, grass roots means of influencing the D.C. Government. The extent to which our Commissioners can influence the D.C. Government will depend on how many people make the effort to vote.

Catharine Worth

affecting decisions on what happens to them and their surroundings.

Nancy holds an administrative/secretarial position with the Center for Social Policy Studies and the National Council on employment Policy. She received an associate degree in general studies in 1972 and two years ago resumed her studies toward a B.A. in economics and political science at GW. Within the next two years she expects to be ready for graduate studies in urban and regional planning. She is very interested in sports as both participant and observer, especially in going to baseball games and playing racquetball. She also reads a great deal in the fields of politics and current affairs.



Nancy Kiefer  
SMD 01

Nancy Kiefer, of 1010 25th Street, has lived in the Foggy Bottom-West End area for the past two years. SMD 01 is bounded by Rock Creek, N Street, 22nd Street, and K Street.

Immediately after moving here she became involved with the Swarthmore Tenants Association and in May this year she became Secretary, which she finds hard but gratifying work. As well as being Secretary, Nancy has taken on the responsibility of chairing the Migration Committee for the Swarthmore, where the Tenants Association now has signed a contract to buy.

Nancy decided to run for the ANC after working intensively with her tenants association and developing through her studies an increasing interest in urban and regional planning. Her close work with 88 people in the Swarthmore to achieve a common goal stimulated a desire in her to be involved on an even larger scale. Through this work, she knows how people feel about their neighborhood, and she herself has a longstanding attachment to Foggy Bottom through visiting her sister, who lived at 950 25th Street for many years. She would like to have some influence on what happens to our area. Her main concern is housing, especially the conversion to condominiums and displacement of long-time residents. She feels that if there is commercial development in an area such as Foggy Bottom-West End it should be coordinated with the residential character of the neighborhood.

Through the ANC she believes people can really influence how their neighborhood is run, that D.C. is unique in that there is truly a mechanism for effective local politics. She would like to increase people's awareness of the ANC so they know that they have a way of

representing our area's concerns before the D.C. Government.

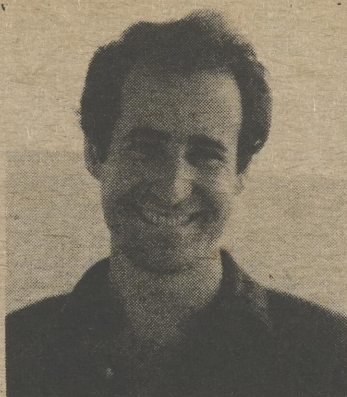
Jon feels a number of issues need more attention—particularly the West End area. "We must prevent this area, which is now largely undeveloped, from turning into an extension of the K Street office corridor. This means more housing and more business catering to neighborhood needs." He believes the ANC can help channel development in ways that will benefit residents. For example, Jon opposed a liquor license for the River Inn and circulated a petition against it, believing that that type of business would be inappropriate and disruptive in that residential area of Foggy Bottom. Jon is also concerned about the conversion of apartments into hotels, as these conversions evict long-term residents from their homes, undermining the stability of our neighborhood.

Since becoming Commissioner Jon has represented the ANC before the D.C. Department of Transportation, arguing against proposals to route more commuter traffic into our neighborhood. He has also arranged with DOT to test new street lighting so that Foggy Bottom-West End citizens can evaluate it and influence the final lighting plan for the neighborhood.

In the area of economic development, Jon has spoken with the Oliver T. Carr company and various business groups about attracting to the West End development projects the sorts of businesses that residents really want, such as food shops, a shoe repair, and hardware store.

Jon has worked with D.C. officials to see that the owners of the former Rosenblatt's market boarded up the building and moved down the weeds. He has also worked with the District to end garbage pickups on the 2500 block of K and L before 7 a.m., which had been disturbing residents.

Jon received a B.A. from Johns Hopkins in Baltimore in international affairs and an M.A., also in international affairs, from the Johns Hopkins in Baltimore in international affairs and an M.A., also in international affairs, from the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington. Jon now works as a foreign affairs analyst for the U.S. Government. His hobbies are jogging, tennis, 1930's and '40's music, and playing ragtime on the piano (poorly, he says).



Jonathan H. Nowick  
SMD 01

Jon Nowick, of 1001 26th Street, is standing for the ANC seat he was appointed to in August upon the resignation of the previous commissioner, Ann Hume Loikow. SMD 01 is bounded by Rock Creek, N Street, 22nd Street, and K Street.

Jon has been involved in neighborhood affairs in Foggy Bottom-West End since he moved to the Bader (2515 K St.) in the Spring of 1975, first as an interested citizen, then as a Board member of the Foggy Bottom Association (since June 1978), and most recently as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner.

Jon thinks that ANC's are an important and increasingly influential vehicle through which citizens can have a voice in decisions affecting their lives. The Foggy Bottom-West End ANC, he says, has already done a lot to express neighborhood opinion and protect our area's integrity. But Jon thinks it can do a lot more by encouraging more people to participate with the ANC in

For the past seven years Louis has been very active with consumer groups on behalf of the handicapped, an expected interest on his part as he has been cock of polio at the age of 10.

Louis has been involved with the Advisory Commission to the D.C. Department of Transportation, which recommended a method for constructing curb cuts on a planned and routine basis. The Commission endorsed a plan to construct curb cuts within a four-block radius of every subway stop, throughout the downtown business district, and at the special request of individuals to cut all four corners of an intersection. Previously, cuts were installed only as sidewalks were repaired or at special request. The cost is moderate—only \$200 per curb cut. He has also worked with Metrobus and himself took part in a demonstration of lift-equipped kneeling buses this Spring.

Louis took part in a panel discussion before Willie Hardy's Committee on Housing and Community Development on a proposed D.C. Architectural Barrier Act (Bill 3-108). He would like to see a provision in the bill calling for advice by handicapped individuals on its implementation.

From December of 1975 to December of 1977, Louis was detailed as legal counsel to the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals from the Department of Justice. He is now staff liaison from his Department to the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Bolard, of which Justice is one of ten Government members.

He is now President of the National Capital Area Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities, and for several years did legal work for the American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities. Louis is on the Board of Directors of Independent Living for the Handicapped, which is developing a building, with Government funding, designed for those with various

disabilities; the National Capital Area Chapter of the National Spinal Cord Injury Foundation; and the National Capital Area Chapter of the National Association of the Physically Handicapped, of which he is also President-Elect.

Finally, in the handicapped area, Louis is working with WDM (Channel 9), which is highlighting topics relating to the handicapped on news and public affairs shows. We can expect to see these topics produced and aired this December.

Louis is also putting his legal expertise at the disposal of the Hamilton House Tenants Association for which he is now drafting by-laws. Although Hamilton House is not up for sale, the owner does have a certificate of eligibility to convert, and a fully functional tenants association would be able to deal with any future action of the owner.

Louis received his B.A. and M.A. in political science and constitutional law from Emory University in Atlanta and his LL.B. from Emory Law School. He is the author of *Georgia's County Unit System* (Decatur: Select Books), 1961. The issue dealt with was the undue strength of rural areas over urban areas in primaries, at a time when the winner of the Democratic primary was the usual electee. Griffin Bell, then sitting on the Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, cited the book three times in his 1962 opinion declaring the county unit system unconstitutional. Louis is an attorney with the Criminal Division at the Department of Justice and is an active goer to plays and musicals at the Kennedy Center.

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Louis T. Rigdon, II  
SMD 02

Louis Rigdon has lived in the West End, in Hamilton House at 1255 New Hampshire, for the past 13 years. SMD 02 is bounded by 22nd Street, 20th, N Street West to 21st, and jugs around Ward Place and back to 22nd.





**Maria Tyler**  
SMD 03

Maria Tyler, of 949 25th Street, has lived in Foggy Bottom since 1961 and knows every aspect of the area. She and her husband bought their present house in 1974 and converted it from apartments to a single-family home. SMD 03 is bounded by the Potomac, Rock Creek, K Street, and SMD 04 to the east.

In principle, Maria believes in representing the wishes of the majority. Issues that she feels must be focussed on are traffic and zoning. With work she feels we can preserve and enhance our unique residential area in the middle of the city, something which few cities in the world have achieved. She is willing to devote the time needed to work through the procedural steps with the D.C. Government that will help preserve the residential character of Foggy Bottom.

In the zoning area, she is especially concerned about the conversion of buildings into apartments, she fought against the granting of a liquor license to the River Inn to discourage further conversions, and intends to continue to do everything possible to see that the ban on apartment hotels is made permanent. Apartment hotels displace income tax paying residents with transients in a city that needs an expanded tax base.

Maria would like to see neighboring ANC's work together, especially toward alleviating the adverse impacts of traffic, noise and pollution. In general, she would like to see people work together to support their neighbors within all the Single Member Districts in the Foggy Bottom-West End area, as a problem which is not yet at your door soon could be. Maria feels an enormous amount of work will be needed to improve our environment, and believes this is not impossible to achieve if we are all willing to be involved.

Maria received her undergraduate degree with honors from Wellesley, holds a post-graduate degree in economics, and works as a professional economist.



**Howard Feldman**  
SMD 04

Howard Feldman has lived in Foggy Bottom for the past 17 years and in Jefferson House at 922 24th Street for the past 5. SMD 04 is bounded by K Street, 23rd St., the Potomac, and includes the western side of New Hampshire's 2400 block and the eastern side of 25th below Eye Street.

Howard has been involved with ANC's since he served on the City Council's Commission on ANC's, which advised on how to establish and regulate them.

He is now Chairman of the Foggy Bottom-West End ANC's Economic Development Committee. His major goal in this position has been to attract an additional major supermarket to the West End. He has had discussions with Giant's commercial representatives, though so far Giant has been inconclusive. He has, however, received a more definite response from the 7-Eleven Co., since residents in the east end-GW area of Foggy Bottom need a food market. 7-Eleven is definitely interested and is exploring the entire Foggy Bottom area for a possible location. Howard feels that what our area needs is utilitarian stores, such as a bakery and shoe repair, not boutiques or gift shops. Howard wants the ANC to continue its work on zoning — business in business zones, not on residential blocks. In short, economic development should occur in the right places.

Howard would also like to see something done about our traffic problems. He feels there is a bias against pedestrians which makes walking through the Bottom especially difficult for the elderly. He would like to see some of the less traveled streets closed to traffic and turned into pedestrian malls, and is firmly opposed to right-turn-on-red for our neighborhood.

He definitely feels that further expansion by GW into residential areas should be deterred, but he would also like to see the ANC support GW's efforts to build attractive structures. In exchange, he would like to see GW allow residents to use university facilities such as the gymnasium — and parking lots on weekends — for reasonable fees.

Howard is on the Grievance Committee of the Jefferson House Tenants Association. If possible, he wants the remaining rental buildings in Foggy Bottom to stay rental. So that tenants in each building could have more strength in dealing with individual landlords, he proposes an umbrella organization established for renters that could draw support from tenant associations from all buildings in the neighborhood.

Howard has been involved with several civic activities concerning city youths and jobs. He has been Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Neighborhood Planning Commission, which plans and budgets for youth activities. Youths were employed at the Francis Recreation Center and local merchants were called on and asked to provide jobs. He has been a Big Brother and served on the Board of Directors for the National Capital Area Big Brothers.

From 1976 to 1978, Howard was the Ward 2 representative to the District's local affiliate of Common Cause, and last year he served as a Board member of the Foggy Bottom Association.

Howard graduated from the GW Law School and is an attorney with the Office of Fair Housing at HUD. His hobbies are swimming and, of course, civic affairs.



**Steve Levy**  
SMD 05

Steve Levy, of 615 22nd Street, has served as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for the past two years, and is now standing for re-election. SMD 05 is bounded by K Street, 21st running south to F, F west to 22nd, 22nd south to E, E west to 23rd, and 23rd north to K.

Steve's major efforts have been directed toward preserving residential housing within SMD 05. He has been extremely active in organizing and encouraging tenant associations in various buildings around Foggy Bottom. For example, Newport tenants, after organizing, were able to strike a much better agreement with the developers.

In line with his efforts in preserving the residential character of Foggy Bottom, Steve has continually fought attempts by GW to expand at the expense of the community. He has worked to increase the number of residential parking spaces, which cannot be used by commuters. Steve thinks that a firmly enforced cap on the total number of university parking spaces would discourage GW from tearing down attractive low

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scale housing for parking lots. He opposes the expansion of commuter parking spaces since this increases traffic, pollution, and the hazards to elderly residents. As a result of his efforts, the 500, 800, and 900 blocks of 22nd are now designated as residential parking areas, and it is now possible to park on the east side of the 700 and 800 blocks of 24th.

Steve spends a lot of time representing the neighborhood viewpoint on development — that bigger is not necessarily better — before the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Adjustment. He is author of the ANC standing policies on housing, commercial development, and transportation, developed a directory of Foggy Bottom services, and coordinated the preparation of the Foggy Bottom-West End map (published in last month's issue). Steve surveyed, with the help of a team of volunteers, residents in the World Bank neighborhood about what stores they would like to see in the building. As a result, the ANC expects to be able to influence the choice of retail establishments.

Steve was one of the Commissioners sued by the developer who had acquired property in Square 38 (on the northwest side of Washington Circle). He then participated in working out the compromise settlement to preserve the rest of the Square, encourage its further renovation, and prescribe the erection of a building more in consonance with the Victorian character of the Square. Although he does not consider this compromise ideal — he would prefer to have seen all the houses renovated — realistically, given the desire of the presiding judge to reach a compromise, he feels the compromise is acceptable and the best that the ANC could negotiate.

The Department of Human Resources was planning for D.C. hospital expansion without consulting ANC's, a matter of importance to our area, which contains several hospitals. As a result of Steve's efforts, DHR's procedures now include consultation with ANC's.

Steve received his B.A. in management from the University of Illinois and works for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as a program analyst.

His main hobby is the continuing renovation of his home in Foggy Bottom.



**Jimmy Molinelli**  
SMD 06

Jimmy Molinelli has lived with his wife Lucille at 2150 F Street for the past 16 years and in the Foggy Bottom area since 1948. SMD 06 is bounded by 23rd Street on the west running from the Mall to E Street, E east to 22nd, 22nd north to F, F east to 21st, 21st north to K, K east to 20th, 20th south to Pennsylvania Avenue, Pennsylvania east to 19th, 19th south to F, F west to 20th, and 20th back down to the Mall.

Jimmy has been an active member of the community ever since he has lived there. For instance, he revitalized and is still President of the West End Citizens Association, an organization originally formed in 1896 and encompassing the area from 15th Street to Rock Creek Park and from the Potomac north to N Street.

Because of his long-time community involvement in making his neighborhood a better place to live, he was urged by his neighbors to stand for the ANC. He has long been active in seeking better police protection and serves on the Second District Advisory Council on Crime. He has fought for residential parking and has opposed GW expansion. But most of his time is spent listening to individual residents with problems. Jimmy's accomplishments are simply sincere community service, listening to all complaints, evaluating them, and then proceeding to help.

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## SEEN AROUND THE BOTTOM

For those of you who are missing the 80 and 81 bus service to and from the Kennedy Center we want you to know that the FBA has protested this reduction in service and has requested that it be restored. It won't be restored without a strong fight, so I suggest that each of you who is affected write separate protest letters, or get up a group petition, requesting the return of the service. Be sure to stress your age, your inability to walk farther to get a bus, and how much longer it is taking you to get where you want to go. I've personally called the offices of Councilman John Wilson and Councilman Jerry Moore, as well as Cody Pfanstiehl of Metro. Write your letters to Councilman Jerry A. Moore, District Building, 14th and E Sts., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. Send copies to Mayor Marion Barry and Douglas Schneider, Director, Dept. of Transportation, District Building. Also send a copy to Mathew Platt, Director, Systems and Service Planning, WMATA, 600 5th St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001. I understand that the service was removed because of poor ridership. By comparison to other routes this may be valid, but we need to stress the character of our neighborhood residents — the senior citizens deprived of good bus service, senior citizens who continue to work for a living (paying higher taxes than if they didn't work), the number of handicapped, etc. Your help is needed to get the service back.

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Competition is in — Frickey's Restaurant on Pennsylvania Avenue at 25th now has an outdoor patio. Throw your money in the air and take your choice; there are about four outdoor dining patios in that area.

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Recently I talked to a visitor to our City who was trying to cross K Street at 25th. He said Washington is the loveliest city he had ever been in but that it was the absolute worst for pedestrians! He felt, and I agree, that cars and trucks get all the preferential treatment in D.C.

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Fireman Wilson, longtime Foggy Bottom resident and former D.C. Librarian, passed away suddenly last month. He was active in community and church affairs in our area and will be missed.

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Have you seen the way 814 New Hampshire Avenue has fixed up their front yard with patio stones. It looks very nice — neat, clean and different.

All the digging and hammering in front of 906 N.H. Ave. for a couple weeks was necessary to repair a broken or clogged water main from the house to the street. The D.C. ovrkman assured me that they would not harm one hair on the head of the main tap root to that lovely old elm tree. We may lose all the elm trees within the next ten years but we don't want to lose any until the last horn has blown.

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Paul Vaniman, longtime resident of 2555 Eye, finally took the plunge — no, he didn't get married — he retired from the Department of Interior after many, many years of government service. Van travelled extensively when he worked so he couldn't be too active in our community affairs.

We'll let him have a well earned rest for awhile and then, Van, we'll come after you to become active in the FBA again. You write beautifully; maybe I could sell my Seen Around column to you?

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Local Elections for the Board of Education and ANC members will be held on November 6. Be sure to vote; it's important. Many of our D.C. Council members, and even our Mayor, came through this route so it is important that we pick the right ones in the very beginning.

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Our Oktoberfest on the 13th was a big success. It really is nice to get the Community together on an informal basis — brings out the best in all of us. Hope you had fun.

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Summer plantings in the parks are gone — and tulips will soon go in the ground. Please remember that under the "dirt patch" is our guaranteed beauty for the spring — lovely bunches of tulips. Please use the sidewalks; if you must shortcut through the park please walk on the grass.

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My FBA membership plea last month is bringing good results. I thank those of you who are renewing and am pleased to welcome the new members. Keep your memberships coming — we really need your membership to fight back for things like Residential Parking, Eye Street Mall, 80 and 81 bus service, and other similar things.

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Hope to see you all at our next FBA Meeting on Monday, October 29.

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## Minutes

**Metro Bus Service:** Buses No. 80 and 81 have been rerouted by Metro and will no longer go to the Kennedy Center. It was requested that the Foggy Bottom Association and the Advisory Neighborhood Council go on record again to request that this service be restored. This position of the ANC had been brought out at hearings on the continuation of the bus service held last Fall. The members requested that the earlier action be brought to the attention of Metro again, accompanied by a new appeal from both the ANC and the FBA for reconsideration. A hand vote on the recommendation received strong support from the members.

**Extra Police Protection:** The members, in view of the increased crimes, and an increase of non-resident individuals frequenting the neighborhood, called for a motion for an appeal for increased police protection, which received unanimous support.

**Guest Speakers:** Three speakers addressed the Association at this meeting. Mr. Brant Coopersmith described an initiative underway to permit gambling in the District in 1980. Coopersmith gave an overall view of the city's financial problems, heightened by inflation, and said, in looking for sources of funds to pay some of the basic needs, the District's United Planning Organization was seeking to evaluate local interest in permitting a free "numbers game" to be conducted in the District, and it had appointed a study commission of 24 members to determine citizen interest.

The proposal to legalize gambling, he said, must meet the "three C's" — for it to be permitted in the District. The "three C's" are — the gambling is non-commercial, non-conspicuous and does not elicit any complaints from citizens. He said pari-mutuel, dog track, off-track, casino betting and sports betting are not under consideration.

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**ANC Representatives:** The other two speakers at the meeting were Ms. Grace Lockwood, of the Georgetown Citizens Committee and Chairperson of Georgetown ANC (3A) and Susan Meehan, from the Dupont Circle Citizens Committee and a member of ANC (2B05).

Bot speakers touched on the problems their neighborhoods share with Foggy Bottom — increasing crime, proliferation of liquor licenses and conversions. Ms. Lockwood urged the citizens of the neighborhoods to discourage, whenever possible, new liquor licensed establishments.

Susan Meehan emphasized the hotel conversion problem also shared by the three areas. Susan mentioned other problems in her area, such as lack of recreational facilities, but the overall tone of her address was that the three areas should cooperate, that no one ANC had the power to confront the well established businesses and organizations that create many of the neighborhood problems.

Susan also introduced a book she had authored, called "Answers."

It is a compilation of community resources that she is proposing be the account of city government and its responsibilities to the citizens of the community. The program will operate under her guidance and she is now in the process of introducing it to Mayor Barry and certain members of his staff.

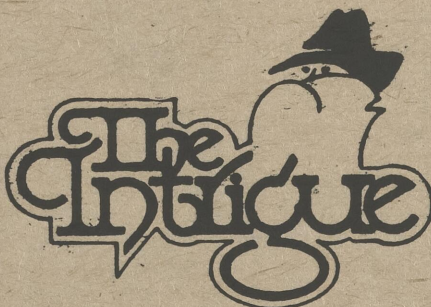
**Oktoberfest:** President Cottrell announced that the annual Oktoberfest would be held Saturday, October 13, in the parking lot of St. Paul's. He promised, rain or shine, a festival of food, fun and music for everyone. It will be held indoors in case of rain in the Parish Hall of St. Paul's.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



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## Foggy Bottom Farmer

William S. Lattin

Empathy for plants and talking with flowers I've written of, but behind it all there has been a feeling of guilt. For years there has been an inside nagging over planting bulbs in pots for winter forcing (the bringing of plants into bloom indoors at other than their normal time of flowering). The process seems to drain every bit of life from the plants, and no matter what I do following their flowering (let them rest, plant them outdoors), no matter what, they never bloom again. They die. If one were to dwell upon it, it would be very sad. A daffodil in only a little pot will dutifully burst forth as a brilliant golden trumpet, and a hyacinth in even a smaller pot will fill every corner of your livingroom with fragrance. Each gives its all and then is gone; nothing it seems, can save it. So, after repeated unsuccessful attempts to save them, I just gave up and discarded them. But that inside nagging, that feeling of guilt is always there.

There must be a better way, and there is. This fall I've planted my daffodil bulbs in a large wooden

tub of deep, rich soil. I've mulched the surface with wood chips and placed it on the balcony where it will remain to grow, flower, ripen and rest as it would normally in a garden. My bulb tub formerly grew a rose bush, and I feel sure that my five daffodil bulbs will feel at home there as would tulips, crocus, or a mixture of spring-flowering bulbs.

When I stop to think, I should have known better all along. The larger bulbs such as narcissus (daffodil) must be planted with their base about six inches deep and be given equal space for root growth below. That would require a twelve-inch deep pot or tub. Anything less is unlikely to allow the bulbs flower, reproduce, and survive year after year as they do in a garden.

In our relatively mild climate it is never too late to plant bulbs for next spring—provided the soil is reasonably dry and workable. Bonemeal, worked into the root area will contribute to plant vigor and larger flowers. Also, the soil should be well watered before the ground freezes up.

### BULB PLANTED DEPTH

(inches)



### KEY

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| A. Narcissus | D. Lily     |
| B. Crocus    | E. Tulip    |
| C. Snowdrop  | F. Hyacinth |

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